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DREYER

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REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE ASSIGNEE

Sir:

I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are stated below next to my name. I am authorized to act on behalf of the assignee, Rollerbrake (Proprietary) Limited, and the title of my position with said assignee is Director.

The entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 6,527,097, entitled "Conveyor Idler," and issued on March 4, 2003 to Tertius R. Dreyer, is vested in Rollerbrake (Proprietary) Limited as evidenced by the assignment of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/999,181 filed on December 3, 2001 and such assignment is believed to be recorded by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 012602/Frame 0287.

I believe Tertius R. Dreyer to be the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,527,097, granted on March 4, 2003, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled "Conveyor Idler," the specification of which is attached hereto.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the new claims added by the preliminary amendment filed on July 21, 2003, the amendment filed February 23, 2005, the amendment filed July 26, 2005, the request for

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reconsideration filed on October 26, 2005, the amendment filed on May 9, 2006, and the amendment filed herewith.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed or, if no priority is claimed, before the filing date of this application:

Priority Foreign Application(s):

Application Number
99/6862

Country
South Africa

Day/Month/Year Filed
2 November 1999

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120/365 of the PCT international applications listed below:

Prior U.S./PCT Application(s):

Application Serial No.
PCT/IB00/01571

Day/Month/Year Filed
31 October 2000

I further declare that the original patent is believed to be wholly or partly inoperative by reason of a defective drawing and/or by reason of the patentee claiming less than he had a right to claim in the patent.

One error upon which reissue is based is a failure to illustrate a conveyor belt which runs on the outer surface of the conveyor idler described in the patent text at column 5, lines 16 to 17, and the frame of a conveyor belt arrangement described in the patent text at column 5, lines 5 to 7. A second error upon which reissue is based is a failure to appreciate the full scope of the invention. For example, no independent claim was included in the original patent that recites the subject matter of independent claim 12 coupled with "a conveyor belt which runs on the outer surface of the conveyor idler." This error unduly

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and erroneously limited the scope of patent protection for the invention described in U.S. Patent No. 6,547,097.

All errors which are being corrected in the reissue application up to the filing of this Declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

I hereby appoint the attorneys of: NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C., **Customer Number 23117**, 901 North Glebe Rd., 11th Floor, Arlington, VA 22203-1808, telephone number (703) 816-4000 (to whom all communications are to be directed), and the following attorneys thereof (of the same address) individually and collectively owner's/owners' attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and with the resulting patent: Larry S. Nixon, 25640; Arthur R. Crawford, 25327; James T. Hosmer, 30184; Robert W. Faris, 31352; Richard G. Besha, 22770; Mark E. Nusbaum, 32348; Michael J. Keenan, 32106; Bryan H. Davidson, 30251; Stanley C. Spooner, 27393; Leonard C. Mitchard, 29009; Duane M. Byers, 33363; Jeffrey H. Nelson, 30481; John R. Lastova, 33149; H. Warren Burnam, Jr. 29366; Mary J. Wilson, 32955; Alan M. Kagen, 36178; Robert A. Molan, 29834; B. J. Sadoff, 36663; Updeep S. Gill, 37334; Michael J. Shea, 34725; Michelle N. Lester, 32331; Frank P. Presta, 19828; Joseph S. Presta, 35329; Joseph A. Rhoa, 37515; Raymond Y. Mah, 41426; Chris Comuntzis, 31097; Gary T. Tanigawa, 43180, associate attorneys in the above-entitled application, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and with the resulting patent.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC §1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

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